



A DISH OF THE ACOM. (*DIOSCOREA LATIFOLIA* BENTH., S. P. I. [No. 47564.]

The acom, one of the tropical yams, is almost unique among the edible species of this genus in that the tubers are aerial, being borne in the vine axils of the leaves instead of underground. The flesh of the tubers is yellowish, very dry, and firm, with a distinctive flavor. While perhaps not of such high table quality as some of the white-fleshed yams, the exceptional keeping qualities of the acom may give it a place of considerable value in our markets when the right conditions for growing it in this country are found. It is much esteemed where grown in Brazil. (Photographed, slightly reduced, by E. L. Crandall, from tubers grown at the Plant-Introduction Garden, Brooksville, Fla., April 24, 1920; P25411FS.)